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ABSTRACT

Transfer students from Los Angeles City College (LACC) are considered in terms of their eligibility to enter the University of California, i.e., their class standing at high school graduation, and their comparative performances at the University and LACC. Comparable data for all California community colleges are also provided. University of California reports provide numbers of Fall entrants, by campus attended, for eligibles and ineligibles, and a summary of academic performance which includes grade point average (GPA) earned at the community college and first year GPA earned at the University. From 1966 to 1977, over 2,500 LACC students transferred to the University of California in the Fall quarters. Entrants in Fall 1977 totaled only 169, continuing a downward trend apparent since 1974. Over 80% of the transfers from 1973 to 1977 were ineligible to attend the University directly from high school. LACC consistently sent a proportionately higher number of ineligibles than the community colleges statewide, 84% in 1977 as compared to 55% statewide. University GPA's of community college eligibles remained between 2.8 and 2.9 from 1970 to 1977; GPA's of ineligibles has generally been about .15 grade points lower than that of eligibles. Data tables comprise the bulk of the report. (MB)

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INTRODUCTION

For many years the University of California has furnished LACC an annual report on the performance of LACC transfers at the University of California. Prior to 1977, these reports included grade reports of first year performance for all transfers. These individual grade reports permitted detailed analysis of performance including analysis by major, sex, units taken, department, and other factors. In 1977, the University suspended for one year the sending of any reports, and recently sent summary reports for the most recent two years. The University, after receiving a Task Force report, decided to send summary reports but not student-specific reports. This decision "signals the beginning of an effort by the University to provide more useful information in evaluating the preparedness of students while at the same time safeguarding student's rights according to the Buckley Amendment." Thus, no information is available to provide detailed analysis of recent performance.

It thus seemed advisable this year to review, over several years period, the type of information provided in the report. Accordingly, this report presents a look at the numbers of transfers according to their eligibility for the University directly from high school and comparative performances at the University and LACC, and provides comparable data for all California Community College transfers. 1966 was chosen as the starting year, as that was the first year the University went on the quarter system and also the first year of the summary reports provided in the current format. All the data in the report is taken directly from the University reports and although some of it is questionable, the overall picture presented by the data appears to be reliable.

The University of California reports provide numbers of Fall entrants, by campus, for eligibles and ineligibles, and a summary of average academic performance for these groups. The summary includes grade point average charged (i.e. earned at the community college), first year grade point average earned at the University together with numbers earning below a C average and numbers earning a B average or above.

In addition to those eligibles and ineligibles "charged" (figured in the grade point calculations), the University admits other transfers whose records are not included in the calculations. This "not charged" group includes some students who completed no work at the University but consists mainly of students who did not meet University admissions requirements and were admitted by "special action."

Information is presented on the following pages in four tables and five figures as follows:

Table 1 Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, 1966-77 (Fall Entrants Only).

Table 2 Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, by Campus, (Fall Entrants Only).

Table 3 Academic Performance of LACC Transfers to University of California, 1966-77. (First year performance, Fall entrants only).

Table 4 Academic Performance of All California Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-77. (First year performance, Fall entrants only).

Figure 1 Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, 1966-77, Fall Semesters only.

Figure 2 "Charged" Transfers to University of California, 1966-77: Percent Eligible.

Figure 3 Grade Point Averages Earned by Community College Transfers at University of California, 1966-77.
(a) Eligibles
(b) Ineligibles

Figure 4 Differential GPA Earned by Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-77.
(a) Eligibles
(b) Ineligibles

Figure 5 Percents of Community College Transfers Earning Below C Average or B Average or Above at University of California, 1966-77.
(a) Eligibles
(b) Ineligibles

Table 1 Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, 1966-77. (Fall Entrants Only).

Year	Eligible	Ineligible	Total Charged	% Eligible	Admitted Not Charged	Total	% Charged
1977-78	20	102	122	16%	47	169	72%
1976-77	17	128	145	12%	36	181	80%
1975-76	27	134	161	17%	42	203	79%
1974-75	26	183	209	12%	45	252	83%
1973-74	51	140	181	27%	45	234	82%
1972-73	62	84	146	42%	178	324	45%
1971-72	22	84	106	21%	152	258	41%
1970-71	60	62	122	49%	78	200	61%
1969-70	30	92	122	25%	85	207	59%
1968-69	35	75	110	32%	65	175	63%
1967-68	39	85	124	31%	36	160	78%
1966-67	38	110	148	26%	28	176	84%

Table 2 Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, by Campus, Fall Entrants Only.

	Berkeley	Davis	Irvine	Los Angeles	Riverside	San Diego	Santa Barbara	Santa Cruz	Total
1977-78	9	2	4	138	0	4	7	5	169
1976-77	11	1	4	157	0	0	7	1	181
1975-76	55	0	4	175	1	0	16	2	203
1974-75	77	3	7	214	3	0	16	2	252
1973-74	10	0	8	193	2	2	12	7	234
1972-73	11	1	4	283	1	5	11	8	423
1971-72	16	3	8	206	1	7	13	4	258
1970-71	18	0	11	144	5	6	13	3	200
1969-70	6	1	7	174	1	2	12	4	207
1968-69	8	0	7	147	1	1	10	2	175
1967-68	18	3	1	130	0	2	5	1	160
1966-67	0	1	1	162	7	0	5	0	176

Table 3 Academic Performance of LACC Transfers to University of California, 1966-77. First Year Performance, Fall Entrants Only).

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	Year	No.	LACC	U.C.	Diff.	%<C Av.	%≥B Av.	% Elig.
Eligible	1977 - 78	20	3.35	2.80	-0.55	15%	35%	16%
	1976 - 77	17	3.28	2.87	-0.41	5%	41%	12%
	1975 - 76	27	3.16	3.05	-0.11	0%	62%	17%
	1974 - 75	26	3.16	2.82	-0.34	19%	46%	12%
	1973 - 74	51	3.12	2.88	-0.24	7%	39%	27%
	1972 - 73	62	3.10	2.75	-0.35	12%	38%	42%
	1971 - 72	22	3.01	2.85	-0.16	9%	40%	21%
	1970 - 71	60	2.94	2.71	-0.23	8%	28%	49%
	1969 - 70	30	3.01	2.99	-0.02	3%	60%	25%
	1968 - 69	35	2.83	2.79	-0.04	11%	37%	32%
	1967 - 68	39	2.95	2.75	-0.21	19%	35%	31%
	1966 - 67	38	2.85	2.55	-0.30	13%	15%	26%

			G P A				
	Year	No.	LACC	U.C.	Diff.	%<C Av.	%≥B Av.
Ineligible	1977 - 78	102	2.97	2.65	-0.32	25%	29%
	1976 - 77	128	2.90	2.49	-0.41	25%	21%
	1975 - 76	134	2.89	2.53	-0.36	20%	27%
	1974 - 75	183	2.82	2.46	-0.36	24%	24%
	1973 - 74	140	2.75	2.66	-0.09	15%	30%
	1972 - 73	84	2.95	2.74	-0.21	11%	39%
	1971 - 72	84	3.09	2.89	-0.20	7%	43%
	1970 - 71	62	2.94	2.70	-0.24	6%	29%
	1969 - 70	92	2.88	2.78	-0.10	7%	33%
	1968 - 69	75	2.83	2.76	-0.07	4%	31%
	1967 - 68	85	2.81	2.59	-0.22	11%	21%
	1966 - 67	110	2.81	2.54	-0.27	15%	25%

Table 4 Academic Performance of All California Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-77. (First Year Performance, Fall Entrants only).

Eligibles

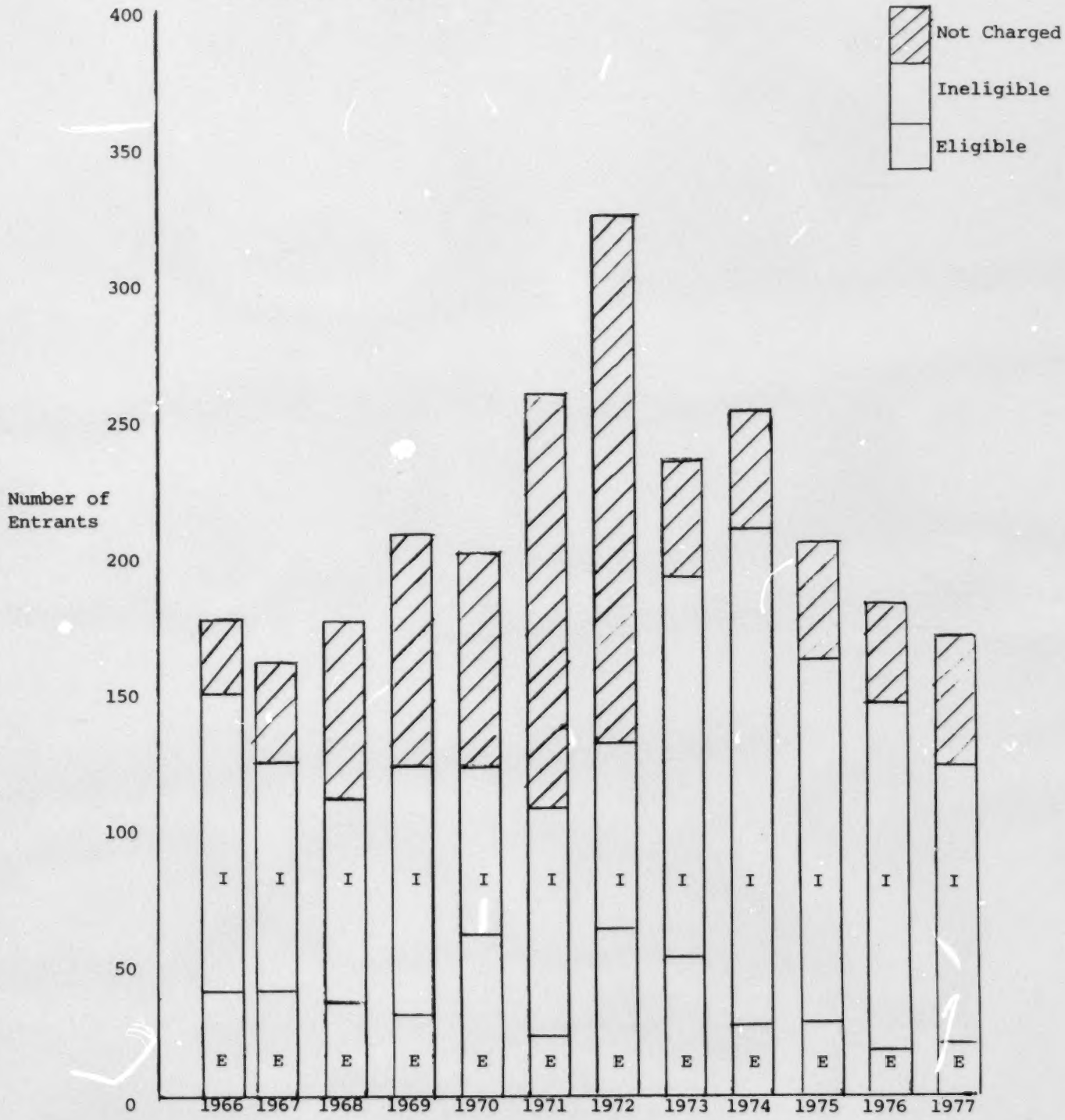
		GPA			%<C Av.	%≥B Av.	
Year	No.	LACC	U.C.	Diff.	U.C.	U.C.	% Eligible
1977 - 78	2090	3.35	2.88	-0.47	10%	43%	45%
1976 - 77	2247	3.32	2.87	-0.45	9%	43%	42%
1975 - 76	2466	3.32	2.88	-0.44	8%	43%	41%
1974 - 75	2568	3.31	2.91	-0.40	9%	47%	41%
1973 - 74	3320	3.18	2.86	-0.32	10%	42%	50%
1972 - 73	2644	3.19	2.85	-0.34	8%	43%	53%
1971 - 72	1639	3.15	2.85	-0.30	7%	43%	40%
1970 - 71	1799	3.09	2.83	-0.26	8%	41%	50%
1069 - 70	1706	3.07	2.79	-0.28	11%	42%	41%
1968 - 69	1559	3.02	2.62	-0.40	9%	31%	52%
1967 - 68	1542	3.03	2.58	-0.45	13%	28%	51%
1966 - 67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Ineligibles

		GPA			%<C Av.	%≥B Av.
Year	No.	LACC	U.C.	Diff.	U.C.	U.C.
1977 - 78	2556	3.10	2.63	-0.47	20%	28%
1976 - 77	3063	3.08	2.62	-0.46	20%	28%
1975 - 76	3610	3.01	2.62	-0.39	19%	28%
1974 - 75	3711	3.00	2.65	-0.35	16%	30%
1973 - 74	3325	2.95	2.65	-0.30	17%	30%
1972 - 73	2355	3.05	2.72	-0.33	12%	34%
1971 - 72	2492	3.01	2.70	-0.31	11%	32%
1970 - 71	1834	2.97	2.69	-0.28	12%	31%
1969 - 70	2411	2.80	2.63	-0.17	16%	32%
1968 - 69	1462	2.87	2.51	-0.36	10%	26%
1967 - 68	1510	2.86	2.41	-0.45	14%	20%
1966 - 67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Figure 1

Number of Transfers from L.A.C.C. to University of California, 1966-1977.
Fall Entrants Only.



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"Charged" Transfers to University of California, 1966-77: Percent Eligible.

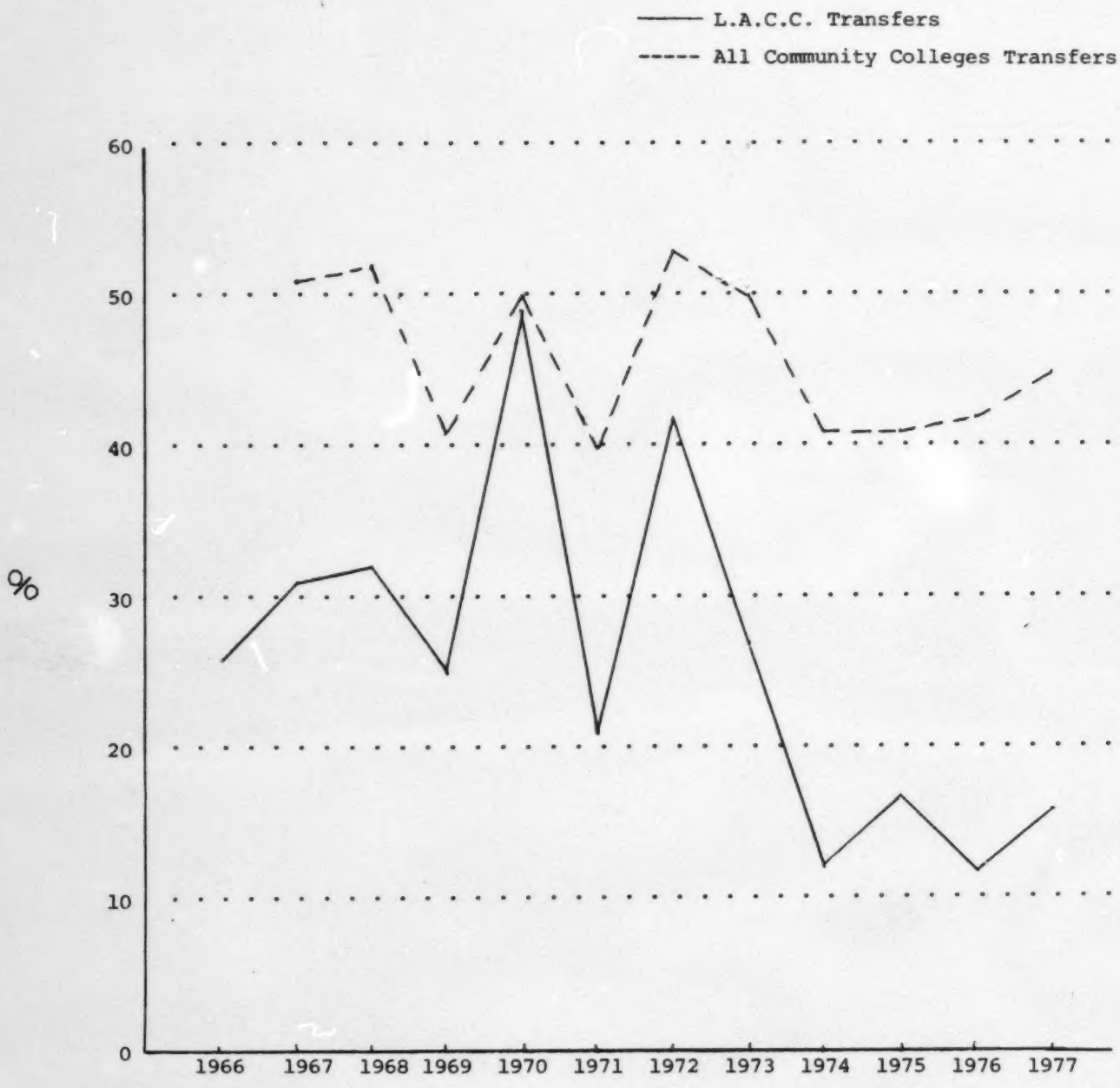
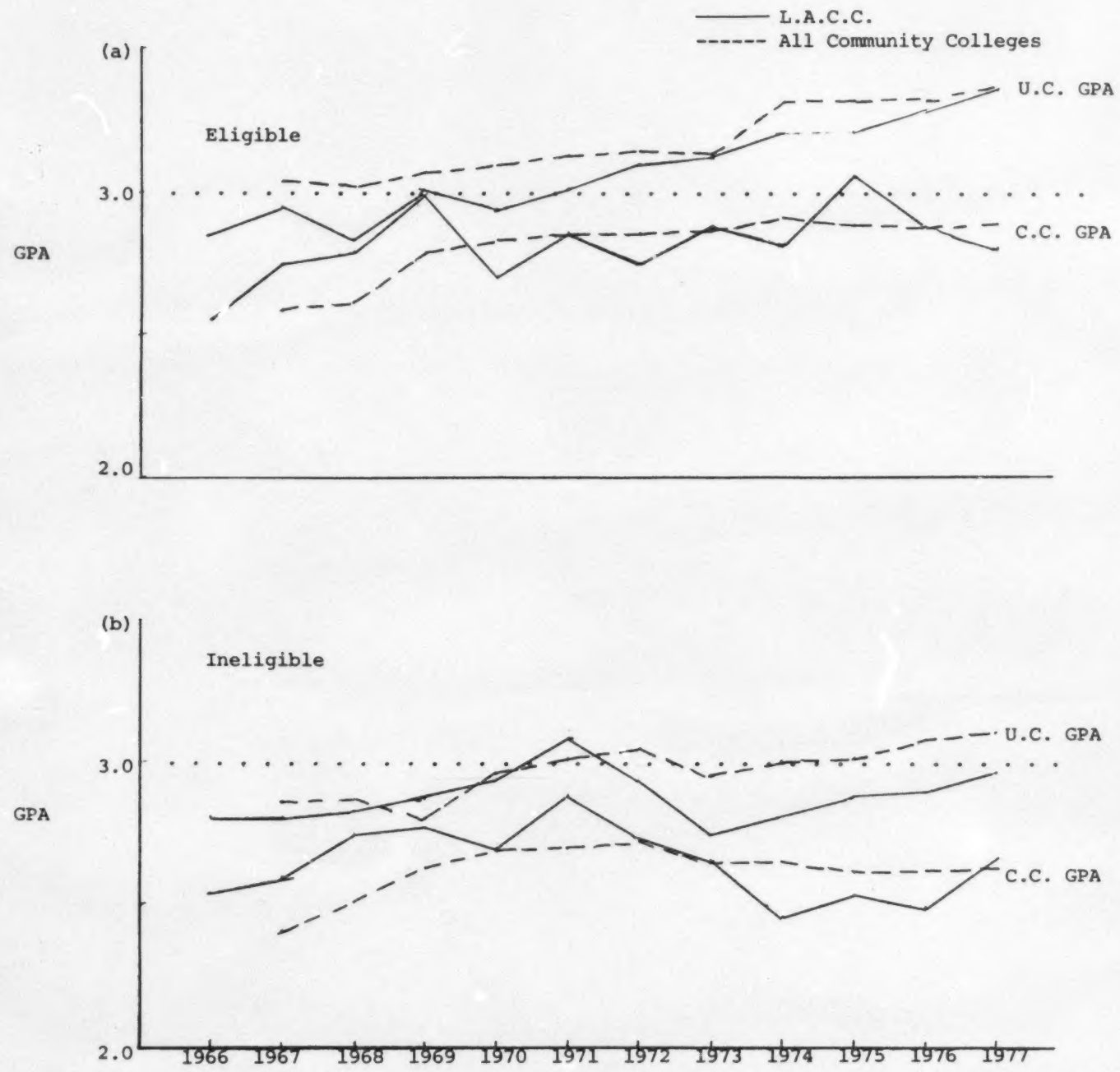


Figure 3 Grade Point Average Earned by Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-1977.
(a) Eligibles
(b) Ineligibles



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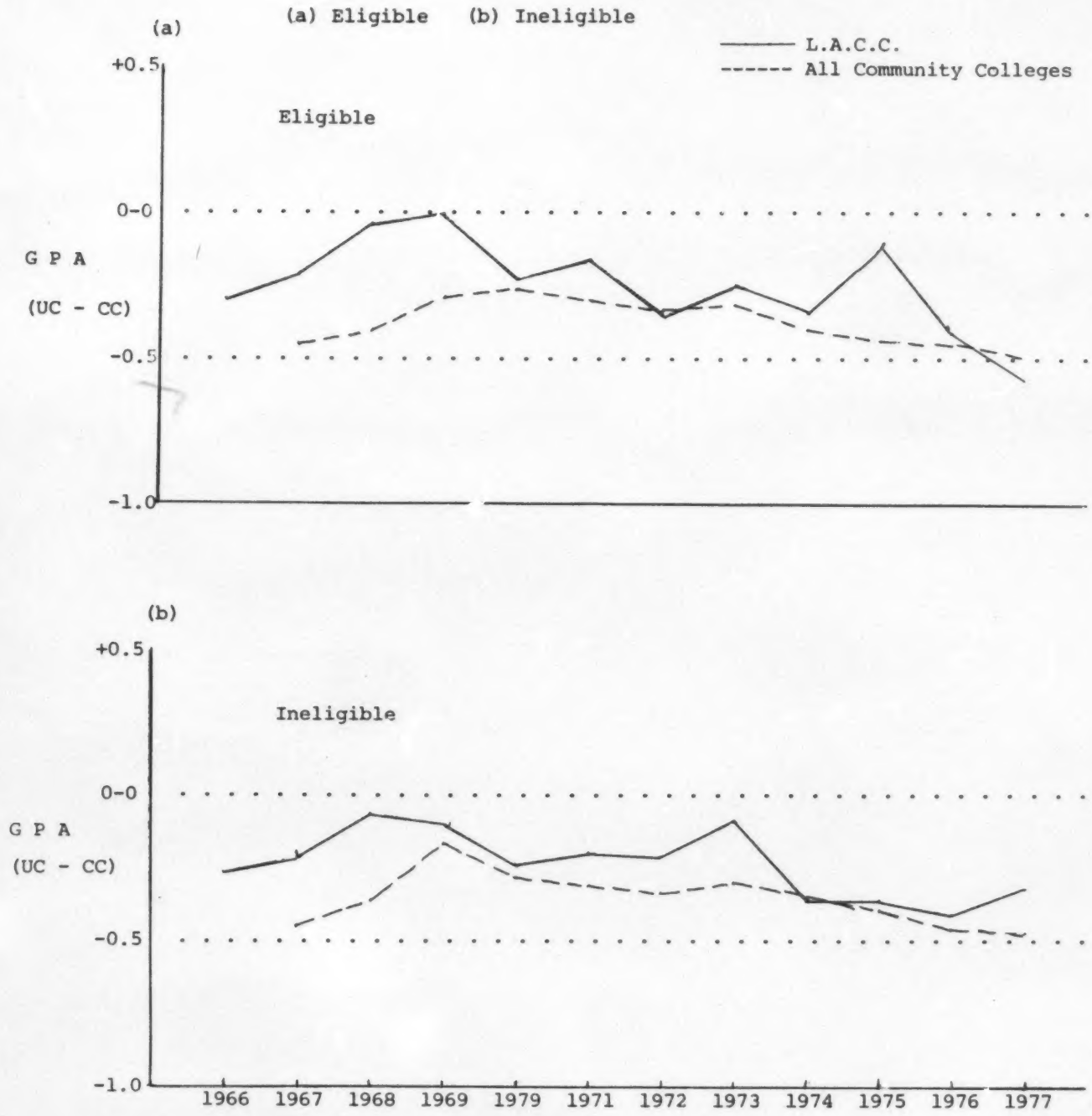

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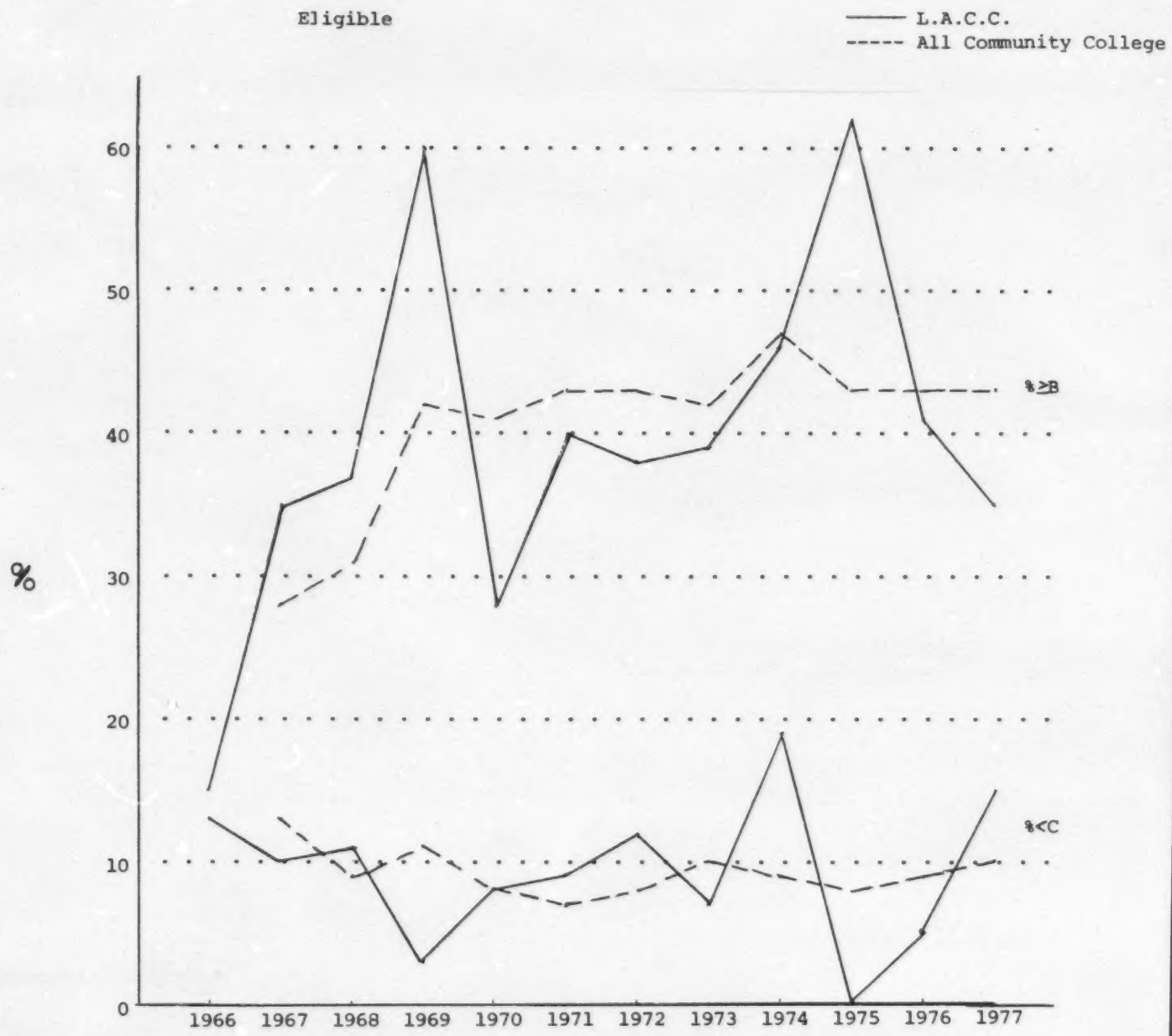

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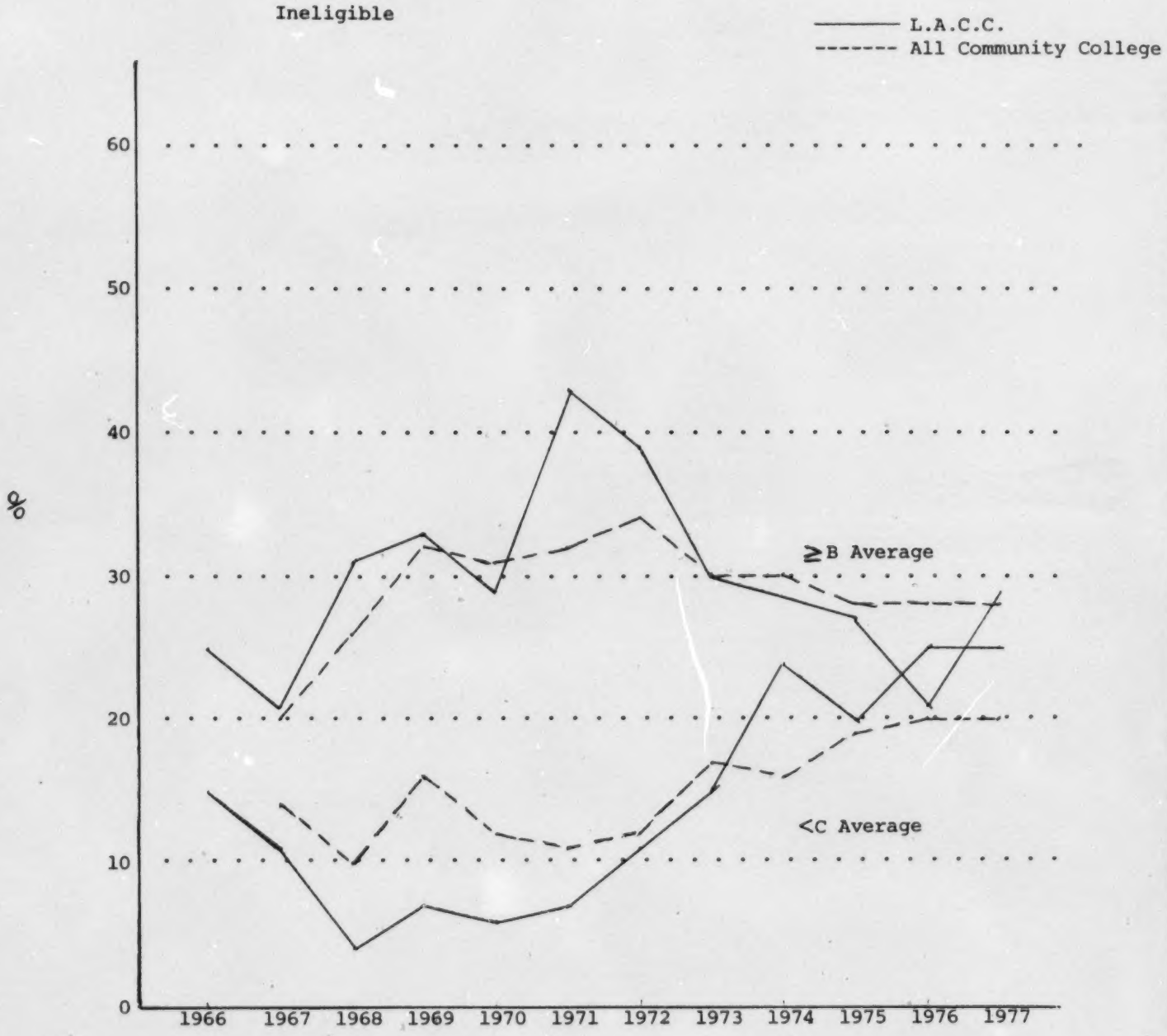

Observations

(1) During the twelve years from 1966 through 1977, over 2,500 L.A.C.C. students transferred to the University of California entering in the Fall quarter. Estimated total for all quarters is about 3,500. Entrants in Fall 1977 totaled only 169, continuing a downward trend since 1974. About one fifth of the students are not "charged" to L.A.C.C. as they were admitted by special action or completed no work at the university.

(2) Over 80% of the "charged" transfers for the past four years were ineligible to attend the University directly from high school. L.A.C.C. has consistently over the years sent a proportionately higher number of ineligibles than the community colleges statewide. In 1977 L.A.C.C. ineligibles accounted for 84% of the total charged, compared with 55% statewide.

(3) Grade point average earned at University of California by all California Community College eligibles has remained at about the same level since 1970, ranging between 2.8 and 2.9. L.A.C.C. eligibles University of California GPA has shown somewhat more variation but has averaged about the same. L.A.C.C. "charged" GPA (total earned prior to entering University of California) has generally been lower than that for the community college total, thus generally showing a smaller differential. For ten of the twelve years, L.A.C.C. eligibles differential for eligibles was -0.55, the largest value in the twelve years.

(4) Ineligibles University of California GPA has generally run about 0.15 grade points below that of eligibles, both for LA.C.C. and statewide, although the L.A.C.C. increment shows much more variability . A corresponding drop in Community College GPA can also be noted. Since 1972, however, "charged" GPA for L.A.C.C. ineligibles has been significantly below the all community college average, thus causing the differential to be less, even though from 1973 through 1976, L.A.C.C. ineligibles earned a lower GPA at the University. The Fall 1977 L.A.C.C. ineligibles earned a higher University of California GPA than the all community college ineligibles, producing the smallest differential in four years, L.A.C.C. ineligibles differential GPA has been smaller than that for all community colleges for all of the twelve years except 1974 when it was larger by 0.01 grade point. Over the twelve year period, L.A.C.C. ineligibles differential has averaged 0.10 grade points less than the statewide.

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